



Who is eligible for the services?

- Definition of Refugee Groups:

The following groups are eligible for services under the Refugee Health Assessment Program:

1. Refugees:

A refugee is a person outside of his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Generally, refugee status is granted to refugees prior to entering the United States.

2. Secondary Migrants:

A secondary migrant is a refugee who moves/relocates from the state or county of first or primary residence to another state or county.

3. Asylees:

An asylee is a person outside of his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Generally, asylum status is granted to asylees after entering the US or when sponsored by a refugee in the US.

4. Parolees:

A parolee is an alien, appearing to inspecting Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) officer to be inadmissible, but allowed (paroled) into the U.S. for urgent humanitarian reasons, such as medical emergency, or when that alien's entry is determined to be for significant public benefit, such as, legal proceedings. Majority of parolees are Cuban and Haitian Entrants.

5. Victims of Trafficking:

A victim of trafficking is someone being trafficked for labor or sexual exploitation purposes. Most victims of trafficking are women and girls from other countries.